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The Honorable Mike Crapo 251 E. Front St.

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Dear Senator Crapo:

On behalf of the Owyhee Borderlands Trust, Inc. and its Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for bringing S. 3794 forward, and express our continued support of the Owyhee Initiative. Owyhee Borderlands Trust, Inc. has been involved from the beginning of this process with an active member on the Work Group. This has been a collaborative process with a diverse group participating for over five years. We are very proud of the product that has come forward in the Owyhee Initiative Agreement, (signed by the members of the Owyhee Initiative Work Group including the County Commissioners and the Tribe); and commend you for bringing the years of work and the agreement into legislative form.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your part in assuring the Owyhee Initiative to be part of the scheduled hearing on September 27, 2006. We would ask for your continued support of this bill as it moves forward in the process of becoming law, and bringing the implementation of the Owyhee Initiative Agreement.

Sincerely,

Tom Hook, Chairman

Owyhee Borderlands Trust, Inc.

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